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SUBJECT: GKR PROGRAM OF CONTACTS

REFS: TUNIS 2512; PHNOM PENH 5380

1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLY BUT OUR BEST CONTACT IN FONOFFICE WISHED
AWAIT RETURN OF FONMIN FROM UN BEFORE GIVING US OPINION ON
IMPROVEMENT GKR DIPLOMATIC POSITION. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED
ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT GOL WOULD RECEIVE RELIGIOUS-ORIENTED
DELEGATION MENTIONED REFTEL, PROVIDED THAT VISIT IS MADE "DISCREETLY"
(I.E., WITHOUT COMMUNIQUE'S PUBLICITY, ETC.).

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2. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT IN RPEVIOUS CONSIDERATION OF

QUESTION GKR REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
CONFERENCED, POSITION OF GOL IS AFFECTED BY FORMAL POSITION TAKEN
BY ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, AS WELL AS BY GOL DESIRE NOT GET
TOO FAR OUT OF STEP WITH ARAB LEAGUE AND OTHER ARAB GOVTS.,
PARTICULARLY SYRIA, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. BEST GOL HAS BEEN
ABLE DO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAS BEEN TO REMAIN NEUTRAL
(I.E., ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT) ON QUESTION GKRCONTEST WITH GRUNK
FOR REPRESENTATION. WHILE INFORMING US THAT GOL WOULD RECEIVE
CHAM DEL, OUR CONTACT IN FONOFFICE RECALLED TO EMBOFF THAT PAST
GOL POSITION STILL STANDS.

3. WE DOUBT THAT DELEGATION VISIT HERE CAN ACHIEVE CHANGE IN GOL
POSITION. IT COULD, HOWEVER, SERVE PURPOSE OF BUILDING SYMPATHY
AND UNDERSTANDING FOR GKR POSITION WHICH WOULD AT LEAST KEEP GOL
FIRMLY IN ABSTENTION/ABSENT COLUMN DESPITE PRESSURES FROMOTHER
ARABS, USSR, ETC. GODLEY

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